GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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RATES OF WAGES UNDER URBAN EMPLOYMENT GENERATION PROGRAMME
ANIL BASU

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rates of wages to be paid under the Urban Employment Generation Programme were as per prescribed minimum wages for the unskilled labourers as notified by the concerned State Governments and were to be same for men and women workers;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the payment of wages to male and female were made at differential rates in the States of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the reasons for such a discrimination?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): It has been reported by the State of Maharashtra that ina very few Municipal Councils, the payment of wages to male and female were being made at differential rates, mainly in cases where light work was assigned to the female workers. However, concerned Municipal Authorities have already been instructed by the State Government to pay equal wages to male and female workers. In so far as Government of Tamil Nadu is concerned, no such disparity is reported.